

## NEW HAVEN SINGING SOCIETY.

On last second Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, the people of this and surrounding communities met at New Haven church, five miles South of Elba, for the purpose of organizing a seven shaped singing. After prayer we sang several songs led by the following: J. W. Maddox, Marion Cain and Pat Horn and Miss Minnie Pearl Cain organist.

Mr. Cain acted as chairman and the following officers were elected:

M. E. Freeman—Chairman; K. W. Adkison—V. Chairman; J. W. Maddox and A. L. McIntosh arranging committee; Mattie Mae Thomas—Secretary and Miss Minnie Pearl Cain—Organist.

We feel very grateful to all those who took an interest in our organization. We will meet every second Sunday in each month and we cordially invite everybody to come and be with us.

Mattie Mae Thomas, Secy.

## PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT CURTIS.

The Pine Level community play will be given at Curtis next Friday night, beginning promptly at 7:00 o'clock. The public is invited to be present for this play.

A fellow will raise cane when he is charged 50 cents for 1,000 gallons of pure fresh water delivered to his kitchen, but he'll gladly pay as much for two measly gallons of gasoline, and go after it.

## COTTON GINNINGS SHOW INCREASE.

According to the census report on cotton ginnings, an increase of nearly seven thousand bales is shown in Coffee county on the report made to December 13, 1925. Prior to this date there had been 26,822 bales ginned from the 1925 crop as compared to a total of 19,231 bales ginned to same date in 1924.

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## SMALL TOWN HUMOR AND PHILOSOPHY

By BUCK CAMPBELL

Hope of better days is sort of a consolation prize.

The best man at a wedding may get the best of the bargain.

Some folks have a pride in trying always to be on the wrong side.

The man with evil in his own heart has no trouble in discovering evil in others.

You can bow to the inevitable without having been introduced, and not be considered out of form.

When the devil runs shy on means for making trouble he has some good girl marry a man to reform him.

Some of the candidates for office remind me of the dog that chases the train—they are doing their damndest to get there.

Waive notes at Clipper office.

## TRAVELING MAN TELLS OF FINE FEATURES OF NEW CHEVROLET.

Enterprise, Ala., Dec. 5th, 1925. Rainer Motor Co., Elba, Ala.

Dear Mr. Rainer: In compliance with your request that I put in writing the statement I made to you at your place of business yesterday I hasten to do so.

On April 2nd last, I bought a Chevrolet Coach and "broke it in" by a cross-country drive to Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal., thence to Portland where I attended the Elba's National Re-union; returned via Spokane, Yellowstone National Park, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota (Yellowstone Highway), and back to New York City from which point I started. My next trip was a 1500 mile trip through the New England States; I am on my way now from New York City to Texas, and have covered 1500 miles since I left with 8,000 miles covered on the Pacific Coast trip, my speedometer reads 11,264 miles to-night, and all I have paid out on the car (outside of gas and oil) has been to have the tire motor uses one quart of oil in 1,000 miles. I dream the ease every thousand miles, using a gallon of the BEST OIL THAT I CAN BUY, and each time I drain, take three quarts from the crank case. Not so bad. As for "luck" I have had three

## flat tires in this big circuit, but that's luck. You are at liberty to show this letter to anyone, and I vouch for the truth of the above statement. The "Chevy" is SOME boat.

Very truly yours  
E. F. Hogner,  
610 Riverside Drive,  
New York City.

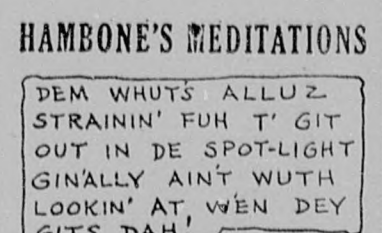
## FOR SOLICITOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Solicitor of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Alabama; subject to the Democratic Primary election. If elected I will do my full duty.

L. H. BRASSELL.  
(Paid political adv. by L. H. Braswell, Troy, Ala.)

## HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEM WHUTS ALLUZ STRAININ' FUH T' GIT OUT IN DE SPOT-LIGHT GINALLY AIN'T WUTTA LOOKIN' AT WEN DEY GITS DAH.



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## The FACTS In The Case



ARE THAT YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY WHEN YOU STUMBLE; REMEMBER THAT A WORM IS ABOUT THE ONLY THING THAT CAN'T FALL DOWN, AND THAT A HEN IS ABOUT THE ONLY LIVING THING THAT CAN SIT STILL AND PRODUCE ANYTHING. THE ONLY WAY TO BE ASSURED OF ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION WHEN BUYING A RADIO IS TO INSIST ON A

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## KILLED BY TRAIN AT LOCKHART SWITCH.

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Florida News says:

F. A. Garrett, well known citizen of Lockhart, was suddenly killed last Tuesday afternoon when he was caught between cut-off cars on the Central of Georgia Railway tracks and instantly killed by a switch engine of the Jackson Lumber Company backing in on the cars and closing the gap.

Mr. Garrett was for many years a Baptist deacon, having several churches in capacity of pastor. He was near sixty years of age, and took a prominent part in the social and religious activities of the community. He had lived at Lockhart for a number of years. He was also a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 685, A. F. & A. M.

## SHOT NEAR SAMSON.

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Isom Bird, who lives about ten miles from Samson, was shot and seriously wounded when he entered the home of W. H. Cope in Samson Friday night about midnight. It is said that Mrs. Cope called for her

son, Walter, to come to her and when he arrived, he saw a man near his mother's bed and shot twice, both shots taking effect in the man's body. It is thought that Bird will recover.

Later developments are to the effect that the elder Mr. Cope and Bird had been out the first part of the night celebrating the birth anniversary of the Prince of Peace, and Cope invited Bird to spend the night with him. Cope retired to his room, leaving Bird sitting at the fire. Shortly thereafter Bird thought he would retire, but unintentionally entered Mrs. Cope's bed chamber, upon which the latter created an alarm, when young Cope, supposing he was coming to his mother's rescue, shot Bird twice.

While Bird was shot twice thru the neck, he apparently is not seriously wounded, and was on the streets a few days after the shooting. He states that he will not prosecute Cope for shooting him, as it was all the result of a misunderstanding.

—Geneva Reeper.

Warranty deeds, and Timber deeds at Clipper office.

## FOR Advertising That Pays Try The Elba Clipper

VOLUME XXIX.

## Judge Pierre D. Costello

SECOND PROBATE JUDGE OF COFFEE COUNTY

Dedicated to His Devoted Wife, Mrs. Cordelia A. Costello.

(By Judge J. A. Canley)

Judge Costello was the first Probate Judge of Coffee who was a lawyer. He was succeeded by a lawyer, namely, B. W. Starb. Later Judge B. W. Starb, a lawyer, was elected, and later J. A. Canley, also a lawyer. Judge Costello was a teacher for several years and was also engaged in bookkeeping at Geneva, then in Coffee County. Just after being admitted to practice law at Elba, he was made Probate Judge. Entering upon his duties as Probate Judge, and following Judge Claxton, who helped to organize Coffee County, and who helped to locate a permanent seat of justice at Elba and build a Court House and Jail at Elba, Judge Costello put his shoulder to the wheel and contributed able services in building the County, giving base and pillar to a strong county government. The county had a court house and jail when he came into office, the court house on the public square and the jail in Block G, north of the public square and near the little log house now standing northwest of the new school building. The county had no poor house. Judge Costello secured land and had the first poor house of Coffee County built, being located about two miles East of Elba, North of the Elba and Enterprise State Highway. This poor house continued until after his death and during Judge B. W. Starb's administration when it was sold to Malcolm Carmichael.

In those days the county did not undertake any great or expensive improvements, and county government was concerned mainly in building and maintaining bridges across the principal streams of the County and ferries at some points on Pea River, one being located at Elba, known as Benton's ferry. In those days the county was sparsely settled, many sections being only "bald piny woods." Settlements were made mainly along the larger streams in the county, and at Geneva, Indigo Head (now Clintonville), Bullock (now in Crenshaw County) at Wellborn (the first County Seat) with small communities dotted here and there over the county's territory. There were at the time 15 beats in the county these being: Geneva, Flat Creek, Old Town, Wellborn, Clintonville, Elba, Bramens, Victoria, Tillman's Mill, Dan-nelley's Cross Roads, Haw Ridge, Simmons Mill, Grants, Bullock and Preacher's Mill.

During Judge Costello's administration the County was represented in the lower house of the Alabama Assembly by A. L. Milligan, of Geneva, Jeremiah Warren, of Clintonville, and Hill K. H. Horn of Victoria. The State Senators were Daniel H. Horn of Clintonville and De Witt C. Davis (address not known). These were days demanding patriotic service. The question of slavery was constantly before the country. The storm was brewing until the division came and men were called into the most bloody conflict in the history of the American republic. Judge Costello was a leader of men in this time of great distress. Statesmen like Douglas and Lincoln were debating the question of States' Rights under the Constitution, slavery lying at the base of all discussions and being the football with the contending forces. Should slavery be permitted in the territories? Should slave property carried into slave free states become free? Should any state be half slave free and half slave holding? Finally the

# THE ELBA CLIPPER

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## PLANS ON FOOT NOW TO PAVE ELBA'S SQUARE AND TWO STREETS

For the past several days the question having the square and two short streets just off the west intersections of the square, has received much agitation, with the result that plans are now being made by which it is hoped that this very much needed improvement will be made at a very early date.

As is known the contract has already been let by the highway commission which calls for the grading of the West and South sides of the square in connection with the road project which will connect the Troy-Elba with the Elba-Enterprise highways.

Those behind the project for paving have, it is said, already gotten the consent of property owners, the county, the town, and the state, to pave the square on a co-operative basis, all interested parties paying for the work collectively.

A delegation of Elba citizens went before the highway commission Tuesday in regard to the matter. Just as soon as plans and specifications can be made of the proposed work, the cost estimated, local people behind the project will make a determined effort to have the matter settled.

The Clipper trusts that all obstacles in the way may be overcome and that the square, and other streets, will be paved. The progress of the town demands that we make improvement. No other improvement adds more to the value of property and to the beauty of the town than paved streets. We hope it can be put over right away.

Mr. Mallory is REPRESENTING STANNARD OIL CO. HERE.

Mr. Grove C. Mallory is the local representative of the Standard Oil Company at Elba, now having succeeded Mr. C. E. Dorsey, who resigned, according to announcement made several days ago.

Mr. Dorsey has handled the Standard's business here ever since they established a distributing station at Elba. Mr. Mallory has been connected with the agency for several months, and news of his appointment as manager will be read with interest by his numerous friends throughout this section.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Regular services at the Baptist Church next Sunday—COME!

T. C. MAHAN, Pastor.

## Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Leader—Elinor Conner. Egypt—Vivian Clark. The Wilderness—Eula Simmons.

Crossing the Jordan—Jeff Canley.

The Land God Gave His People—Walt Whitman.

Mr. P. B. Walker was a visitor at Dothan Monday.

Mrs. Elice Colquitt, Mrs. Ida and Cecil Colquitt and Mrs. Lila Brannen of Brantley visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tucker Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Mullins visited relatives in Daleville Sunday.

Judge J. A. Canley, Rev. T. C. Mahan and Rev. T. W. McKnight were visitors to Newton Monday, having gone to be present at a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute.

The many friends of Mr. H. C. Bryant who were so anxious of his illness at his home here, for several days he has been quite feeble and his condition is not at all satisfactory.

(Continued on page three.)

## Let Dairy Cows Make Every One Horse Farmer \$500 During 1926.

(By R. G. Arnold, County Agent.)

"How much more cotton will I get from this 10 acre patch?" asked Mr. Craig of Como, Miss., to the writer in October 1918.

"It looks good for at least one more bale," was my answer. "Well," he began, "I've already ginned 10 bales weighing 580 lbs average from this 10 acre patch this year and if I don't require one pound of fertilizer to make it either, while I'm only making an average of one third bale per acre?" I inquired, "You see," he said, "I moved from town out to my farm 6 years ago, and my wife began to sell buttermilk to her friends in Como. From a little money each week received from buttermilk sales my wife decided to milk 6 cows, buy a separator and ship cream, since it would be less work. She has averaged from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per month per cow selling cream since she began in 1912, and the fertilizer accumulations have been applied to this 10 acres of land each year and the increased yield in cotton per acre this year over the acres not receiving this home grown fertilizer will amount to \$125.00, since I sold my cotton for 40¢ per lb. This totals \$125.00, on the 10 acres which I must give friend cow full credit for."

Mr. Craig sold several hundred dollars worth of hogs which he raised on the skim milk of these 6 cows, so the cows paid Mr. Craig three different kinds of dividends: (1) weekly cream check from sale of cream to creamery, (2) by product of hogs and calves sold, which were raised on the skim milk, (3) \$125.00 per acre increase cotton yield due to application of home grown fertilizers.

We do not recommend any farmer making dairying his main job, but we know that as a side line a few cows will bring in a regular cash income and will make the farm richer day by day. Let's start a small home dairy and make \$500.00 during 1926.

## THIS IS "FORD NATIONAL SHOW WEEK."

The week beginning last Saturday January 9 and extending through Saturday of this week, the 14th, has been set aside as "Ford National Show Week," throughout the entire country.

All during this week Ford dealers are exhibiting the improved Ford cars and are also featuring the very latest Ford equipment. This will be an unusually fine display of Ford passenger cars and in fact the best display the public has ever seen.

The Ford Motor Company and Dorsey Brothers, local distributors, both have advertisements in this issue inviting the public to the Ford show this week. Look up these ads, then visit the local dealer and see these new cars.

Mrs. G. W. Morrow and Miss Leila Morrow are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Williams and daughter of Alandale S. C. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Talbot.

Mrs. Fannie Cunningham returned Sunday from a several months stay in Florida.

Mrs. Donald Hammond has returned to her home in Dothan after spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Corrie Bryant.

## PER CAPITA ROAD TAX WILL BE \$10 AFTER NEXT FRIDAY.

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According to reports from the county treasurer's office, per capita road tax is being paid with a rush. Until next Friday, the 15th, the amount of this tax will be \$7.50, but after Friday and until the 1st of February this tax will be \$10.

The tax becomes delinquent on the 1st of February and all who have not paid by that date will be required to work the roads of the county for full ten days during the year. Those who contemplate paying will do well by paying before Friday, as after that date the tax increases to \$10.

## DR. HURT WILL PREACH SUNDAY NIGHT.

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Dr. W. P. Hurt, presiding elder of the Troy District, will preach at the Elba Methodist Church Sunday night at the usual hour. All are invited to be present.

Quarterly conference will be held Monday morning at 10:00 A. M., at which time all officers of the charge are expected to be present.

Dr. Hurt will hold conferences at New Brockton Saturday and will also preach there Sunday morning, according to announcement made.

## DEATH OF HENRY LAW.

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A cloud of sorrow filled the hearts of the people of New Brockton and surrounding country on last Saturday afternoon when it was announced that Henry Law was dead. He had only been sick for a few days with Pneumonia and his loved ones and many friends had hoped to the last for his recovery but such was not the Lord's will. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. M. T. Moore, assisted by Rev. J. S. Johnson and Rev. J. H. Fussell.

The K. of P. had charge of the services and a host of sorrowing friends and beautiful flowers. His body was laid to rest to await the resurrection morning.

May the blessing of God abide with the loved ones whose hearts are sore—Contributed.

Mr. J. W. Maddox, of New Brockton, was a business visitor to Elba yesterday.

Mrs. L. C. Cooper returned Saturday from Brantley where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. W. Sanders is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. Her many friends are glad that she is better.

Miss Evelyn Bryan has returned from a several days stay in Samson with her sister, Mrs. O. L. Weeks, who has been quite sick, but who is reported to be better.

Mrs. S. H. Brock returned from Montgomery Saturday where she has been for medical treatment. Her many friends will be glad to know that she has improved.

The people of Elba will deeply regret to learn of the serious illness of Misses Christine and Louise Tucker, the much loved children of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tucker.

Don't wait until the barn lot is full of mud to drain it.

# Chevrolet Reduces Prices

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Touring	\$510
Roadster	\$510
Coupe	\$645
Coach	\$645
Sedan	\$735
1-2 Ton Truck	\$395
1-Ton Truck	\$550

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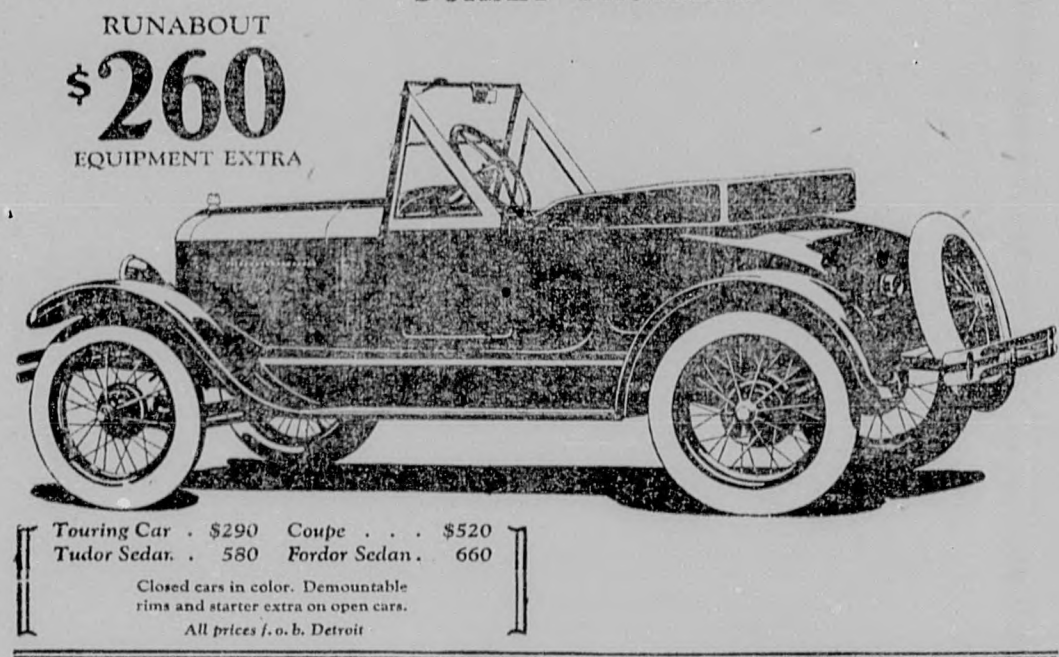
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**The Clipper**

Feed all the cows will respond to in milk production. When she begins to put on flesh, cut down the grain.

**SCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED TO PEOPLE.**

In a letter to the newspapers of the state today R. W. Cowart, Secretary of the Alabama Education Association, makes the following statement:

"The Alabama Education Association has a committee at work on the school program to be presented, when completed to the people of this state. Progress is being made in the study. Such large problems as are indicated below are receiving the attention of this committee:

1. Equalization: Which involves a study of many factors affecting the educational opportunity of children in all sections of this state—terms, trained teachers, buildings and equipments; variations in wealth and ability to support schools, etc.
2. Higher Education Needs.
3. Special and Corrective School Needs.

"Much time will be required to work out a program that meets the needs of the schools and at the same time come within the ability of the state to support it.

"Educational forces of the state are greatly encouraged by the interest in people everywhere are manifesting our educational facilities. The Educational Dinner, which was so enthusiastically attended by hundreds of citizens from all parts of Alabama, will be followed up by gatherings of a similar nature in a number of centers throughout the state. Plans are now under way for these conferences.

"We are striving to make an educational progress for Alabama that will put this state on the map educationally in a much higher position than that which she now occupies. "The people of the state will be taken into full confidence in all proposals made."

**METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS—**

The Methodist Missionary Society met at the Church Monday afternoon. A beautiful devotion was led by the society's efficient president, Mrs. D. C. Marley. Following this was an important business hour. Definite plans for the year's work were made. There were twelve members present.

**FIRE ALARM MONDAY.**

The fire alarm was turned in Monday about noon from the residence of Squire A. M. McCollough on Smith Avenue. Although it was out of reach of the water mains, Elba's volunteer department started for the scene. It is understood that only a small damage resulted from the flames.

Mr. C. N. Kendrick of Westville, Fla., was in Elba the first of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Rainer of Arifield, Ala., were in Elba the first of the week on business.

An attractive, convenient kitchen adds more to the comfort and happiness of the farm homemaker than any other one thing.

**SMALL TOWN HUMOR AND PHILOSOPHY**  
By BUCK CAMPBELL

Even a lazy man is energetic at quitting time.

Be a patriot, a Christian and after that a partisan.

The best man at a wedding may get the best of the bargain.

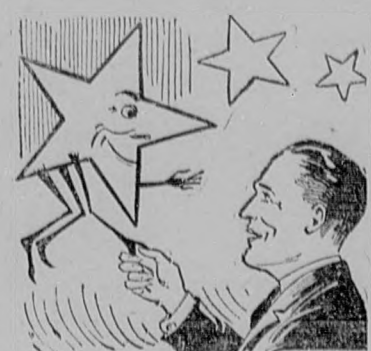
A man will play golf all day for "exercise" who would make his wife carry in the ketchup and build the fires.

Many a good man has been allowed to pass into oblivion and find a resting place in the scrap pile because of his modesty in pushing himself forward.

There is nothing a bobbed-haired girl can do to make her hair look like a ringer in our town. If you want to get rapped you will have to go to the city or out in the country; there is absolutely no danger in the small town.

Will Brunson, of Elba, is the loan man. If you want to borrow money on your lands, see him. He specializes in the loan business and has an abstract plant which enables him to give prompt service—adv.

You'll Thank Your Lucky Stars



IF YOU'LL PAY ATTENTION TO THESE 'DON'T'S'

DON'T TRY TO SEE IF THERE IS GAS IN YOUR TANK WITH A LIGHTED MATCH—THERE IS.

DON'T TRY PETTING A STRANGE BULL DOG ON THE HEAD TO SEE IF HE'S AFFECTIONATE—HIS END BITES.

DON'T TOUCH A TROLLEY WIRE TO SEE IF IT IS CHARGED—IT'LL THRILL YOU.

DON'T BUY BATTERIES THAT FAIL TO RESPOND WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST.

"U. S. L."

DON'T BUY ANY OTHER, WHEN—INSURES YOU ABSOLUTE STANDUP AND REGULAR CURRENT SUPPLY.

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**Coffee County Poor Houses**

"The Poor You Have With You Always."  
(By J. A. Carnley)

In August, 1864, Judge Starke was paid the sum of \$150 as ex officio services as Probate Judge for the year ending on May 24, 1864, this making him two years in office. Some of the books having been destroyed by burning of the Court House, Judge Starke was paid for making a tax collector's book and supplement, Lee & Beck were paid twenty dollars per month for the use of the upper and lower front rooms of their house for county offices, and R. P. Brooks was allowed \$80 for four months for county offices for four months ending August 4th, 1864. Malcolm Carmichael was paid \$70 for "furnishing coffin and burial materials for Martha Thomas, a soldier's widow. William Thomas, an old soldier pauper, was still being cared for by the County.

On September 12, 1864, the Court met again, and there being a vacancy in consequence of the death of Wm. F. Beard, Esq., an election having been gone into, Appleton H. Justice was elected to fill the vacancy.

The October term of the Court was engaged in distributing the public funds among the indigent families of soldiers. The Court met on Oct. 31, 1864 and adjourned from day to day for six days, doing nothing but make distribution of the public funds among the indigent families of soldiers. The adjournment order made repeatedly from day to day for the distribution of the public funds not being completed the Court adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The last order of adjournment made on the sixth successive day was: "The distribution of the public funds not being completed the Court adjourned sine die."

Meeting again on Nov. 7th, 1864, the Court took up the matter of distributing the public funds among the indigent families of soldiers, and again adjourned repeatedly. "The distribution of public funds not being completed." On Nov. 14, Judge B. W. Starke was allowed to receive "as remuneration for his services as probate judge for the month of November Eight Hundred Dollars for buying provisions and paying out monies to the indigent soldiers' families." He was also allowed \$806 for furnishing stationery for the Probate Judge Office "since the burning of the Court House."

At this time the following order was passed: "It is ordered by the Court that the Probate Judge pay to the different Agents 50 cents for each family reported by them and for paying out of the soldiers' aid fund collected from the County." James D. McLean was appointed agent for Flat Creek Beat, No. 2, Luke R. Simmons for Wellborn Beat No. 4, and John H. Walker for Simmons Mill Beat No. 12.

At this term Sallie Sessions was declared a pauper, and it was ordered that the Probate Judge pay Mrs. Floyd Faircloth \$10 per month for "taking care of and supporting her." It was also ordered that "Old Mrs. Nancy Hilburn" be declared a pauper, and that she be allowed \$10 per month for support. It was also ordered that Sarah Brannen be declared a pauper and the same amount paid for her support, and the Judge of Probate was authorized to draw the County warrants to cover these expenses as he was called on to do so.

The Court met again on Dec. 16, and held four days making distribution again of the public funds to indigent families of soldiers and again adjourning from day to day on account of

**THE ELBA CLIPPER**

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1926.

**DEATH OF OUR FATHER.**

On last Monday morning about 8:30 o'clock the death angel visited our home and took thence from our father, Mr. Henry C. Bryan.

Father had been quite feeble for the past two or three years and on account of his advanced age was gradually growing weaker, however about three weeks ago he contracted a severe case of lagrippe and his strength was not sufficient to withstand this illness. He was 75 years of age on May 24th, last, and while he was born and reared in Pike County near Mossy Head, practically all his life since maturity had been spent in Elba.

Sharing with the writer the loss of our father is our brother Raymond V. Bryan, his wife and a large family. Father is also survived by two brothers, Y. L. Bryan, of Brundidge, and L. S. Bryan, of Troy, and three sisters, Mrs. Carroll, of Troy, Mrs. Sanders of Spring Hill and Mrs. Burks, of Red Level, and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Methodist Church, having been conducted by the pastor Rev. E. C. Mahan, Baptist pastor. The body was laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery.

said Green be detailed from the army for the purpose of carrying out this contract."

A mass meeting or citizens' meeting was held at Elba on May 13, 1865. R. F. Cook was chairman and B. W. Starke was secretary and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, namely:

"Resolved 1st. That this meeting recommend that the Judge of Probate distribute all the Tithes in the county due to the Confederate States amongst the indigent families of soldiers excepted back on in the hands of the Tax in Kind Agent at Elba, and that to be reserved and issued to the troops necessary to be kept in the county for our protection. The Commanding Officers giving proper Vouchers to the Agent for what they receive." (Signed) R. F. Cook, Chairman; J. B. Peacock, W. M. J. Kelley, J. F. Green, John G. Carpenter, J. M. Coon, J. P. Blue, J. I. Holway, D. D. Wise, J. T. Reynolds, N. F. Moore, R. B. McDonald, W. W. Peacock, A. G. Harmond, J. E. M. Kelley, J. M. Crosby, M. Brunson, W. H. Hudson, Wiley Williams, Jerre Warren, R. T. Teague, J. Riley, B. W. Starke, Wm. Paris, F. A. Knowles, Wm. Hutchison, W. F. Reynolds, P. Reynolds, Chas. Neaves, A. B. Bullard, M. C. Kimmey, H. W. Laird, J. E. Albritton, D. H. Morley, A. H. Justice, J. W. Hamd, James Coon, B. F. Mason, L. Brunson, A. E. Jones, J. H. Lee, R. D. Lee, S. J. Shields, Frank Bullard.

The Court passed the following order: "It is ordered by the Court that all the Tithes due the Confederate Government be distributed to the indigent families of soldiers in the county except the back on in the hands of the Tax in Kind Agent at Elba."

It was also ordered that "persons hauling corn for soldiers' families be entitled to one half the corn for hauling to Elba and less in proportion to distance." It was also made an order that the Judge of Probate have authority "to dispose of the Tithes of wool for the purchase of corn."

It thus appears that the County of Coffee was dealing with the innogen families of soldiers on the principle of Bible charity and Tithing. At this time it will be remembered that the country was in the year of the civil war, and very soon is to come the news of the surrender.

(To be continued.)

**ELBA BANKS CHOOSE OFFICERS FOR YEAR; GOOD BUSINESS REPORTED.**

Elba's banking institutions were shown to be in splendid condition and the past year's work was very satisfactory, according to reports made to the shareholders at the annual meetings held last week.

At the Elba Bank and Trust Co., the following officers were elected for this year: V. W. Rainer, Pres., S. H. Brock, V. Pres., J. L. Mixson, Cashier, W. M. Farris and L. P. Mullins, Assistant Cashiers. Messrs. Rainer, Brock, Mixson and Chas. L. Rowe constitute the Board of Directors. A most satisfactory year was reported, and a dividend of 10 per cent was declared.

Officers for the First National Bank were elected as follows: L. A. Boyd, Pres., W. W. Sanders, V. Pres., H. C. Johnson, Cashier, O. D. Rowe, G. F. Gunter and Miss Luna Della Bryan, Assistant Cashiers.

The Board of Directors consists of W. W. Sanders, H. C. Johnson, C. E. Dorsey, J. M. Garrett and F. H. Murphree. The affairs of this institution were found to be in splendid condition and a 10 per cent dividend was declared.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, there will be a district convocation of the Sunday Schools at Brundidge. Dinner will be served at the church. There will be no collections. If you are a man or a woman, boy or girl, you will be welcomed.

Owing to providential hindrances, the Quarterly Conference which was to be held last Monday will be held last Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 10 o'clock. Dr. Hurt will preach Wednesday night, Jan. 27.

The pastor has never been called to three funerals at one time before until this week. The Methodist and Baptist pastors together have helped to put away the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Staley, and the eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tucker, and the veteran, Mr. H. C. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan was the oldest in membership in the Methodist church. He was true to his God, his church and family. No one has ever mentioned him speaking some word of commendation with our church. His name is extended to all the bereaved families.

F. M. Lowrey, Pastor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lindsey on January 11th a fine boy whom they have named, John Franklin.

Mrs. Hattie Conner left Monday for Dathan where she will visit Dr. and Mrs. Stough.

**MULES! MULES! HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOAD OF WELL BROKE YOUNG TENNESSEE MULES. IF YOU NEED ONE SEE ME AT ONCE.**  
W. B. RAINER, Elba, Ala.

**GREGORY—CHURCHWELL**

Mr. Lee Gregory and Miss Annie Love Churchwell were happily joined together in the holy bonds of wedlock on last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. J. J. English, Rev. T. C. Mahan, Baptist pastor at Elba, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Gregory is the daughter of Mr. J. H. Churchwell, Elba, and is a very charming young lady. Mr. Gregory is connected with the State Highway Department. Both have many friends who extend congratulations. The young couple will make their home at Dadeville, Ala.

Mrs. R. E. James and son left Saturday for Bradenton, Fla., where they are to make their home.

**Coffee Farmers Urged to Plant Food and Feed, and Less Cotton**

(By R. G. Arnold, County Agent.)

When the whole world is bent on planting cotton in 1926 including Missouri, Southern Illinois and West Texas, Coffee County farmers had better heed King Solomon's advice: The prudent man foreseeth danger and hideth himself but the foolish pass on and are punished."

The good year 1926 brings great prospects of good fortune to the hog and peanut grower, sweet potato and syrup grower, poultry man, dairyman and grower of all food crops, because everything and everybody have crawled on the cotton band wagon, which may break down or run in a ditch before the bag of gold at the end of the rainbow is reached.

Director Duncan of the Alabama Extension Service, Auburn, says "If every Southern farmer would produce a plenty of the living at home crops, there would be no cotton surplus." This we believe is the best and most practical system of acreage reduction in cotton.

We can assure the Coffee County farmers of a good market for syrup, potatoes, hogs, poultry and dairy products in 1926, but no being or organization or government under High Heaven can assure you of a good price for cotton grown in 1926. Let's reduce the acreage per plow and increase the fertilizer and prepare to poison the devil upon first appearance.

In order to assist in the weevil fight in Coffee County this year the farm bureau has already placed orders for a solid car of two row weevil dusting machines, and also a car of calcium arsenate. These will be sold at the lowest whole sale prices direct to the growers thereby cutting down expenses of fighting weevil.

A recent report from the Alabama Experiment Station shows that Rhyne's Cook has averaged the highest yield of lint cotton per acre for the past three years average of any wilt resistant variety. There were 13 varieties tested in South Alabama.

Inasmuch as 31 of our farmers bought Rhyne's Cook seed last year and have seed to sell this spring, I see no reason for any farmer ordering the best planting seed out of the county.

**Corn Variety Test.**

Whately's Prolific seems to be the leading variety in yield per acre for South Alabama, and there are a few of our farmers who have this variety which they bought last season.

**Sweet Potato Variety Test**  
The Porto Rica or Nancy Hall or Triumph are all good yielding and marketable varieties and we would advise growers to order certified seed now. This will insure against disease.

See G. E. Lindsey for GEN-UNE OLIVER Plows and parts.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Rev. Jno. T. Goare, Missionary of Coffee County Association will preach in Elba next Sunday night. We want our folks to hear him.

T. C. Mahan, Pastor.

**Intermediate B. Y. P. U.**

1. Bible Reading—Ruth 1:1-17—Wm. C. Veach, Chairman.

2. Ruth's Love for Naomi—Irene Devane.

3. Ruth's Love for God's People—Frank Harper.

4. Ruth's Place in Bible History—Leila Lee.

5. Memory Verse—Ruth 1:16—Robert Byrd.

Miss Jolie B. Rushing, of Samson is visiting relatives in Elba this week.

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**NOTICE.**

**Citizens of New Brockton.**

The ordinance passed by your City Council October 2nd 1925, prohibiting the use of open back toilets in the city of New Brockton, Ala., has been extended 30 days which makes the ordinance read in part as follows: On and after the 1st day of February, 1926 it shall be unlawful to own, maintain or operate in the city of New Brockton, Ala., a privy or dry closet for the reception of human excreta, unless said closet is built or rebuilt or constructed as hereinafter provided.

Complete information as to ordinance requirements may be had from County Health Officer, County Sanitary Inspector in the May building, Elba, Ala., Telephone 208.

H. P. RANKIN, M. D.

County Health Officer.

J. M. PRICE,

Sanitary Inspector.

LOST—One red gilt, weighing about 150 lb.; reward for return to John Felton or Smith Bros., Elba, Ala.

Don't prune large main limbs from mature apple-trees. Use discretion and a smaller saw, or even a pair of pruning shears.

POOR ORIGINAL